GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5801
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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have booked 3,50,000 tonnes of palm oil during March 2003, mainly from Malayasia and Indonesia;

(b) if so, whether this is more than India`s monthly requirement;

(c) whether the Government are also considering purchase of soyabean oil from Brazil and Argentina in bulk quantities;

(d) if so, whether such bulk imports of edible oils will depress the indigenous market; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/propose to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Does not arise.